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Ms. Karen Cronin, Vice President for Operations
Independence Seaport Museum
211 South Columbus Blvd.
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Dear Ms. ^{Karen}Cronin:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the results of the Navy's inspection of ex-BECUNA (SS 319) as part of the Ship Donation Inspection Program.

The ex-BECUNA (SS 319) was inspected on April 5, 2003, at the Independence Seaport Museum, by Naval Reserve Naval Sea Systems Command Detachment 304.

The Navy reviewed the inspection results for completeness, technical and safety concerns, trends in preservation and material condition. Enclosure (1) provides detailed comments in the eight functional areas. Below is a summary of the deficiencies and concerns that need to be addressed.

a. The following material condition deficiencies should be addressed in the maintenance plan: No cathodic protection system exists. Enclosure (1) Section 3.4 refers.

b. The following safety and health concerns dealing with category A (topside/exterior areas) and category B (interior spaces open to the public) should be corrected: None noted.

c. Other issues in non-tour areas that should be addressed:

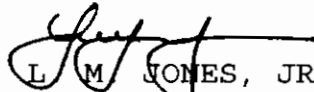
(1) The lower levels of the Forward Engine Room and the Motor-Generator Room have deck plates that should be secured. Enclosure (1) Section 5.7 refers.

(2) The ladder leading to the lower level of the Forward Engine Room should be secured at the top. Enclosure (1) Section 5.8 refers.

(3) Oil and oily water was observed in the bilges of the lower level of the Motor-Generator Room and the Pump Room. Enclosure (1) Section 7.5 refers.

Your hospitality toward the members of the inspecting team and your cooperation with the Navy's Ship Donation Inspection Program is greatly appreciated. Please keep Ms. Gloria Carvalho informed regarding the status of your efforts to address the issues identified above. She may be reached at (202) 781-0485. Timely submission of your plans to address these items is very important. We look forward to future inspections. If we may be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 1. Ship Donation Inspection Program Sheet

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